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SUBJ: PROTEST BY SMUN OVER HELICOPTER FLIGHT AT RIVERDALE COMPLEX.

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED NOTE VERBALE DATED FEB 26, 1976 FROM SMUN PROTESTING THAT ON FEB 24 A HELICOPTER FLEW TOO CLOSE TO SOVIET COMPLEX IN RIVERDALE THREATENING SECURITY OF BUILDING AND RESIDENTS. INFORMAL TRANSLATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE - AT 10:15 AM ON FEB 24 DARK BLUE HELICOPTER APPROACHED USSR RESIDENCE BUILDING IN RIVERDALE AT A DISTANCE OF 10 TO 15 METERS AND FLEW OVER IT SEVERAL TIMES. THIS FLIGHT, CARRIED OUT IN CLOSE VICINITY TO BUILDING, CONSTITUTED A DIRECT THREAT TO SECURITY OF BUILDING ITSELF AND TO SOVIET RESIDENTS LIVING IN IT. MOREOVER, P. I. PANAKOV, A SMUN OFFICIAL, BARELY MISSED BEING BLOWN OFF ROOF BY BLAST OF AIR COMING FROM HELICOPTER PROPELLER.

SIMILAR HELICOPTER FLIGHTS HAVE BEEN OCCURRING REPEATEDLY RECENTLY.

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SMUN CONSIDERS ABOVE CITED ACTIVITIES WHOLLY
INTOLERABLE, ENDANGERING SECURITY OF SOVIET
CITIZENS LIVING IN BUILDING MENTIONED, AND DEMANDS
THAT RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES TAKE APPROPRIATE
STEPS TO EXCLUDE REPETITION OF SIMILAR OCCURRENCES
IN FUTURE. UNQUOTE.

2. WE HAVE SPOKEN TO CHIEF OF NEW YORK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT,
INTELLIGENCE DIVISION, JAMES B. MEEHAN, CONCERNING SOVIET
COMPLAINT. HE HAS PROMISED TO CONDUCT THOROUGH INVESTIGATION
INCLUDING CONSULTATIONS WITH FAA FBI AND OTHER APPROPRIATE
FEDERAL AGENCIES.
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